Commodity/Country 2003 Export Forecasts

Key Changes in Fiscal '03 Forecasts since May

	Final FY 2002	May FY '03 For.	Aug FY '03 For.	May/Aug Chg	Main Reasons
Corn (\$ Bils)	4.581	4.7	4.6	-0.1	(-) volume
Wheat/flour (\$Bils)	3.605	4.0	3.8	-0.2	(-) volume swamps (+) price
Cotton (\$Bils)	2.052	2.6	2.8	+0.2	(+) volume – China demand
Hort. (\$Bils)	11.109	11.6	11.8	+0.2	(+) volume wine & essential oils
Corn (mmt)	46.913	42.0	41.0	-1.0	competition w/ China
Wheat (mmt)	25.353	24.0	22.7	-1.3	slow late-season shipments
Sovbeans (mmt)	28.897	27.5	28.3	+0.8	China's demand

- □EU-15 -\$900 million to \$5.8 billion (soybeans & meal, tobacco leaf)
- □China +\$400 million to \$3.5 billion (soybeans, cotton)
- □Canada & Mexico remain unchanged at \$9.1 billion and \$7.6 billion
- □Japan +\$200 million to \$9 billion
 - (U.S. ag exports to Western Hemisphere and Asia are running neck and neck)